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(b) what arrangements have been made to attend to the duties of the District Labour Officer?

A.—(a) No. It is proposed to appoint a full-time District Labour Officer for Malabar from the year 1929-30.

(b) The Tahsildar of Calicut is attending to the duties of the District Labour Officer in addition to his own duties.

Mr. V. I MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Government have received petitions from the depressed classes people of Malabar?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Government will consider the claims of the depressed classes for the appointment of the District Labour Officer, Malabar?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is not possible for me to give any undertaking at this stage."

## Police

*Enquiry into the double murder at Melapalaiyam.*

* 1163 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that a double murder was committed at Melapalaiyam, Tinnevelly district, in August last in the residence of the murdered and that the murderers have not been traced up to date;

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the details of investigation and place the same before the Council; and

(c) whether the Government will consider the desirability of issuing necessary orders for placing the enquiry in the hands of Police officers from outside the district?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) No.

If any one concerned is dissatisfied with the investigation he should in the first instance represent matters to the District Superintendent of Police or District Magistrate.

Mr ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" With reference to clause (a), may I know whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is not necessary. The hon. Member may bring it to the notice of the District Magistrate."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" In case the District Magistrate or the District Police Officer is not minded to take any interest in the matter, may I know whether the Government will not interest itself directly?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Well, if they refuse to take notice, the Government may then be addressed."